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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following election in response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2006.

The Patent Office required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13, drawn to generating an indicator representing a degree of shadowing, classified in class 345, subclass 426; and
- II. Claims 14-24, drawn to accelerating the rendering of shadows, classified in class 345, subclass 426.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Claims 1-13 of Group I. The election is without traverse.

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